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SUBJECT: OECD/CST - AD HOC MEETINGS OF (A) DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION CENTERS, DEC. 2-3, 1974; (B) PANEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INFORMATION, DEC. 5-6, 1974. SUMMARY REPORT.

1. SUMMARY. (A) GROUP AGREED ON FIRM PROJECT FOR TOXICOLOGICAL INFO EXCHANGE. US WILL LEAD AND COORDINATE, USING NLM FORMATS AS PROJECT BASIS. FRANCE, SWEDEN AND UK LIKELY ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS. SECRETARIAT PREPARING PROJECT OUTLINE FOR DISTRIBUTION SOONEST. PROJECT WILL BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, NOTABLY WHO, EC, ECE AND ASSOCIATIONS OF NATIONAL POISON CENTERS. US REPRESENTED BY HENRY KISSMAN, NLM. (B) EQI PANEL ENDORSED TOXICOLOGICAL INFO EXCHANGE PROJECT, IN ADDITION TO GENERAL LINES OF POLICY PAPER FOR REORIENTATION EQI PROGRAM. US REPRESENTED BY USOECD SCIENCE OFFICE. END SUMMARY.

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2. (A) DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION CENTRES, DEC. 2-3. US PROPOSAL FOR PILOT PROJECT TO EXAMINE FEASIBILITY AND COST/EFFECTIVENESS/BENEFIT OF INTERNATIONAL TOXICOLOGICAL DATA EXCHANGE AGREED FOR IMPLEMENTATION 1975. WORKING PARTY DRAFTED PROJECT OUTLINE, TO BE REVISED IN LIGHT GROUP'S COMMENTS AND DISTRIBUTED SOONEST. FRANCE, SWEDEN, UK AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT, SCHEDULED TO LAST SIX MONTHS FROM ABOUT MARCH 1 1975. POST-PROJECT ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION SCHEDULED EARLY FALL 1975. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR OECD VIRTUALLY NIL, AS WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WITH NLM AS COORDINATOR. MEETINGS IN PARIS OR ELSEWHERE TO BE KEPT TO STRICT MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR EFFICIENT DIRECTION AND EVALUATION.

3. (B) IPG/EQI PANEL DEC. 5-6: HIGH INTEREST IN MAINTAINING PANEL'S FORUM FUNCTION TO DISCUSS DEVELOPING NATIONAL POLICIES IN EQI FIELD. ADDITIONALLY, ALL PRESENT FELT NEED TO INITIATE SPECIFIC PROJECTS, ALONG LINES US PILOT PROJECT ON TOXICOLOGICAL INFO EXCHANGE, WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED. US EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FUTURE PROGRAMS, IF ANY, MUST INVOLVE USERS, I.E. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE ALREADY INVOLVED IN OECD PROGRAMS. SECRETARIAT NOW PREPARING BRIEF EQI PROGRAM PAPER FOR SUBMISSION TO IPG AND CST. MEMBER-COUNTRIES REQUESTED NAME SPECIFIC PRIORITY AREAS FOR INCORPORATION IN THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR MEMBER-COUNTRY COMMENT EARLY IN 1975. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED CONSULT WITH US MEMBER EQI PANEL (MEL DAY,NLM) RE US PRIORITIES.
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